

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 12, 2021  
Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

- **Call to Order** – William Elliott
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call** – Marie Davis
  - William Elliott – Present
  - Jay Bonham – Absent at roll call/Joined Late
  - Peggy Fuller – Present
  - Michelle Flanagan – Present
  - Marie Davis – Present
- **Deputy Report** – Deputy Godoy
  - The Vendor who has been selling goods at the Southwest corner of Godde and ELR was reported to the Sheriff station, but Deputy Godoy reported that, due to the fact that corner is under the control of the City of Palmdale, there is nothing that can be done about removing the vendor until the City of Palmdale requests it. The issues with the vendor at that location needs to be reported through Palmdale channels. Bill suggested contacting city councilmember for District 2, Richard J. Loa to report issues with ELR. Residents are encouraged to contact the Sheriff’s department to continue to complain about the vendors if they are bothered by them.
  - Captain Shaffer reported the illegal marijuana grows in the area are increasing. Please report any and all suspicious activity to the Sheriff’s Department.
  - Neighborhood Watch. Deputy Godoy spoke to a Leona Valley resident named Dan Suttle. He is interested in leading the Neighborhood watch program in Leona Valley.
- **Approval of March 8 Minutes** – Marie Davis
  - Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Peggy Fuller, seconded by Michelle Flanagan.
    - Marie Davis – Yes
    - Jay Bonham – Absent
    - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
    - Peggy Fuller – Yes
    - William Elliott-- Yes
  - Motion passed.
- **Treasurer’s Report / Finance, Ways and Means**– Peggy Fuller
  - See Separate Treasurer’s Report for full details
  - LVTC assets as of March 26, 2021 total \$106,394.14
  - The cost for the renewal of the crime coverage insurance policy will be \$576.00.
  - Michelle Flanagan made a motion to renew the Town Council’s crime coverage insurance policy at the rate of 576.00 for the year. Marie Davis Seconded the motion.
    - Marie Davis – Yes
    - Jay Bonham – Absent

- Michelle Flanagan – Yes
  - Peggy Fuller – Yes
  - William Elliott – Yes
- Motion passed.
- **Committee Reports**
  - Association of Rural Town Councils – Marie Davis
    - Susan Zahnter will stay on as the interim President for the month of April.
    - The ARTC continues to express concern over the ability of LA county to monitor and control the environmental and health related effects of the Interim Supportive Housing Ordinance.
    - There is a public hearing slated for Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> regarding SB55. The effects of the proposed modifications to the bill will be discussed.  
<https://www.senate.ca.gov/teleconference>
  - Community and Public Relations – Michelle Flanagan
    - Rancher’s Market has applied to renew their CUP to continue to serve the community.
    - Neighborhood watch outreach on Facebook resulted in a resident who came forward with interest to lead the effort. See Deputy Report for further.
    - There have been no relevant information releases for Leona Valley Residents.
  - Bylaws Committee – Peggy Fuller
    - Delivery of proposed amendments to President pursuant to Article 16, section 2 of the Bylaws.
    - The delivery was withdrawn. Additions need to be made to specify where member votes will be recorded. A meeting will be held on the last Monday of the month to revise the bylaws.
  - Community Health, Safety, and Welfare – Jay Bonham
    - Neighborhood watch will be taken over and led by Dan Suttle.  
Josie Gutierrez with LA county Public works reports she can get more detailed information regarding the specific scope of road work in Leona Valley areas. Josie was able to confirm the City of Palmdale is working with the County to repave all of Godde Hill Road.
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    - There will be roadwork in the near future on Elizabeth Lake Road to the West of 90<sup>th</sup> Street west to add a passing lane.
  - Community Standards and Land Use – Peggy Fuller
    - Peggy reported that questions were answered at the recent meeting with Regional Planning regarding the use of the term “clustering” in the CSDs. There is a hearing scheduled for April 20 with the Board of Supervisors to approve the CSDs. Community comments on the CSDs have been difficult to find.
    - The LVTC wants to have access to the comments and concerns that have been submitted to the supervisor’s office regarding the review of the CSDs. This is in order to be prepared to represent the concerns of the community.
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- **AV Deputy Supervisor’s Comments and Updates** -Charles Bostwick

- Water theft is becoming a huge problem in relation to illegal marijuana grows. Any reporting of suspicious water trucks would help stop the theft.
- Covid 19 vaccinations are under way. Johnson and Johnson vaccines are in short supply in the Antelope Valley. More vaccination sites are scheduled to open up in the Antelope Valley.
- Zoning violation by the trucking company in the old Leona Valley Automobile Repair shop. Regional Planning has contacted the company and notified them of the violation.
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- **Public Comments**
  - Shelly, a Leona Valley Resident, expressed concern with the increase of debris and large trash items being dumped along Elizabeth Lake road, East of Godde Hill Road. At this time, it is unsure if the Cherry Parade will be permitted.
  - General discussion about how difficult it has been to communicate with and get work done with LA County Building and Safety during the restrictions put in place during COVID.
- **Council Member Comments**
  - Peggy reported that Leona Valley resident, Rodger Reitano. is concerned about the graffiti that is appearing near his property on Elizabeth Lake Road. Jay will look into the graffiti with Public Works later in the week. The Deputy indicated that the Neighborhood Watch should take pictures and share with the Sheriff's gang detail.
- **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion adjourn made by Michelle Flanagan, seconded by Jay Bonham. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.